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23 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, ARC

SUBJECT: PACAF Operation Plan for URPIC-Y and URPIC-2.

REFERENCE: [redacted] dated 22 April 1957

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1. The accompanying copy of the PACAF Urpic Operation Plan, dated 1 July 1959, was forwarded by [redacted] who states it was coordinated with his office in draft form and that PACAF invites comments, suggestions or changes headquarters may recommend. Another copy is being forwarded from PACAF for Agency use via USAF channels.

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2. After a review of the paper and discussion with our recently returned representatives at URPIC-Y, the following comments and recommendations are noted for your consideration.

3. Paragraph IV b1(b), change to read:

Provide a member for Alpha Committee for coordination of URPIC activities, the purpose of which is to coordinate the services theatre requirements for photographic sanitizations.

Comment: [redacted] report some misunderstanding in field of the function of the Alpha Committee by other than directly participating personnel, inferring it to be a governing or policy committee for all URPIC activities.

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4. Paragraph IV b2(b). Change as suggested above.

5. Paragraph IV b3, and throughout plan.

Comment: Agency representatives become "liaison officers"; although his functions remain the same he is no longer "Deputy Commander for technical and substantive intelligence matters" as in the original policy paper, [redacted] No great problem exists presently because of this change but retention of the title, "Deputy for ...", could be advantageous to the performance of the URPIC in a situation of changing service personnel. We do not have strong feeling in this regard, appreciating the existence of other possible administrative factors, but note it. If the suggestion

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to be made in paragraph 6 immediately following is adopted there would be less reason for the Deputy title.

6. Paragraph IV b(3) and elsewhere following.

Comment: In the plan the Agency is identified as "the other agency" and mention is also made of "TALENT Headquarters". It is suggested that functions and responsibilities would be better described if wherever in the plan "the other agency" appears, the term, "TALENT Headquarters" be substituted. This would involve changes in the following places:

Annex A, Para 1a(2)  
Annex A, Para 2a  
Annex A, Para 2f  
Annex C, Para 2a(6)

"TALENT Headquarters" appears as follows:

Annex A, Para 2d  
Annex C, Para 2b(3) and b(4)  
Annex D, Para 2a

7. Annex C, Para 2a(4). Add: "... and record such defects".

8. Annex C, Para 2a(6). Change:

"Process the film as directed by the Agency representative according to standing instructions so as to provide optimum exploitation and according to work categories directed by TALENT Headquarters, as follows:

Category I. Processing to proceed immediately and around the clock as required until OXY report completed.

Category II. Processing to proceed on a 12 hour basis as required until OXY report completed.

Category III. Processing to proceed on 8 hour work day basis (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) until OXY report completed.

9. Annex C, Para 2b(5). Change:

"Report on processed film within twelve (12) to twenty (20) hours after receipt of raw film as directed by TALENT Headquarters in accordance with work categories outlined in paragraph 2a(b)."

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10. Annex C, Para 2b(7). Add:

"Prepare a supplemental report or reports when considered necessary after rescreening the negatives and contact prints or in answer to questions and additional requirements engendered by the OXY and levied by recipient TALENT offices."

11. Annex C, Para 2b(8). Add: "... and use anti-static chemicals on light tables."

12. Annex D, Para 2a. Change:

"Normal SSO channels will be utilized for dissemination of Sanitized URPIC reports known as OXY. OXY reports will be ... Air Force. OXY reports will bear an operational immediate precedence. TOP SECRET classification and bear precedence in accord with categories furnished the URPIC commander by TALENT Headquarters, as follows: Category I, Operational Immediate; Category II, Priority; Category III, Routine."

13. Annex D, Para 2b. Add:

"OXY reports sent through SSO channels will bear ..."

14. Annex D, Para 2c. Add:

"Messages concerning URPIC operations ... instructions, and/or directives, intelligence or technical information which reveals or identifies nature of source will be classified TOP SECRET CHES in the case of substantive and technical information, TOP SECRET or SECRET, as appropriate, in the case of administrative messages, and will be maintained in and transmitted through TALENT channels ...."

15. Annex D, Para 2e. Add new paragraph:

"The [ ] TALENT communication net also may be used for all of the foregoing messages to addressees as directed by TALENT Headquarters."

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16. Attachment one. Para 1. Add:

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"... [ ] amended by [ ] dated 04 Sept 59 to include material from Indo-China to be sanitized in accordance with procedures outlined in Annex A."

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17. Attachment One. Para 2. Add:

"... authorized by TALENT Headquarters or ...."

18. Add attachment Four.

CATEGORIES FOR PROCESSING AND REPORTING ON TALENT PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS.

Following is a paraphrase of a TALENT Headquarters message, CITE H299, 13 August 1959.

This is a coordinated URPIC Message:

1. For planning purposes, and as indication of this headquarters needs, three categories for processing and reporting on photographic missions are established.

CATEGORY I - Processing and photo-interpretation to proceed immediately on receipt of raw material and to continue on 24-hour, around-the-clock, basis until OXY Report completed and transmitted. Cable precedence will be Operational Immediate.

CATEGORY II - Processing and photo-interpretation to proceed on 12-hour day basis until OXY Report completed. Cable precedence will be Priority.

CATEGORY III - Processing and photo-interpretation to proceed on 8-hour day basis and exclude Saturdays, Sundays, holidays. Cable precedence will be Routine.

2. Cable precedence guide above does not preclude higher precedence for flash reports when items of unusual significance are found.

3. In future, messages from this headquarters which list detailed photo-interpretation requirements by Target will also indicate processing category.

19. The following paragraphs refer to Elint matters:

Para IV a3(d)  
Annex B, Para 1a(2), 2d, 2g

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